III. CEFMS:

A. We were on site to deploy the functionality for the Treasury Offset Program (TOP) at the UFC. We have successfully processed four cycles through the TOP System. We had several issues with Treasury Financial Management Service (FMS) that have been resolved and some are still outstanding. Our file formats for the TOP Files were not accepted in the production mode. This was an internal FMS issue that has been resolved. We were not switched to production mode on our agreed date of 09 July 2007. Treasury made the switch on 11 Jul 2007. Our Service Level Agreement (SLA) was not signed on 09 July 2007. We had requested two changes on 06 July 2007 that were not added by FMS until 10 July 2007. Our Intra-Governmental Payment and Collection (IPAC) Files rejected due to the Receiving Agency (FMS) having us locked out. This is still an issue. Our Vendor Match File that is returned to us from FMS has the cycle number truncated from the filename. We reported this to them in March 2007. It has not yet been corrected.

B. Based on audit findings and issues related to the high dollar amounts paid by the Corps of Engineers in interest penalties, we have modified each and every payment screen in CEFMS to further warning or prompt the user when dates entered conflict with prompt pay and other regulation requirements, as well as warning user when the date entered is greater than 360 days old. In review, it was found that users have entered dates indiscriminately and without regard for accurate reporting and regulatory requirements. When possible, logical date edits have been added which prevent the record from being committed when dates are in conflict or a warning message will prompt user when it's likely the dates entered are erroneous. User must acknowledge the date is correct before continuing to record the paying document when warning message appears.

C. Users at the UFC are finding invalid Tax Identification Numbers nearly every time they execute the TOP Vendor Extract. This process extracts the vendor name and Tax ID from the next day's certified receipt vouchers. Several vendors had the ID loaded as all zeros, some were only eight characters, some were eleven characters and some had the character string 'none' in it. UFC Personnel are working with USACE activities to get these corrected.

D. We had to make changes to the Military and Civil Statement of Accountability (dsam and dsac) report for the Treasury Offset Processing (TOP) program. We removed the offset collected amount from the 2.1 and 4.2 lines depending on payment method code of TCHEC

or EFT and added to the 2.8 line. We also added the detailed disbursement amounts to Section II, 2.80.4 as IPAC TOPS OFFSET and split out the detailed disbursement amounts by payment method code.

E. We changed several screens to allow queries on employee name, instead of only on employee identification number. This was needed because of the new numeric identification numbers. We created a function to refresh the global employee_id_control table, and to synchronize the data with the employee_mstr table. We changed the list of values screen to extract/display data from employee_id_control when inserting a new record in employee_mstr. This change was related to Public Key Infrastructure (PKI) changes, and will help assure that user identification records are unique across all CEFMS data bases.

F. We generated text files and Excel spreadsheets for the asset universe files (Construction in Progress (CIP), land, buildings and structures, equipment, intangibles, leasehold improvements, internal use software, other assets) for period ending 30 Jun 07. We made the CIP, land, buildings and structures, and equipment universe files available to PwC auditors. We also generated new asset data files for CIP, land, buildings and structures, and equipment at the request of PwC auditors. The new data files provide beginning balances, current year additions and deletions by transaction type, and ending balances for each CIP and Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE) general ledger by foa code and appropriation. A second worksheet provides a detail of current year activity by transaction type for each property id code. We also reconciled transfers from CIP to Property Plant and Equipment general ledgers.

G. We implemented a Non-Federal Cost Share summary and detail report that provide total cost amounts for federal cash, sponsor cash, sponsor work-in-kind (WIK) and sponsor Land, Easements, Relocations, Rights of Way and Dredged Material Disposal Areas (LERRD). The detailed report provides these costs by cost share control number and FOA. The summary report provides this cost data by FOA. The reports can be generated at any USACE activity level and the summary report can be automatically emailed on the 1st of each month. The CFO Directorate is required to submit these costs in the Required Supplementary Stewardship Information (RSSI) along with the CFO Financial Statements to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD). We also updated the Non-Federal Cost Sharing Users Manual with these changes and advised the cost share users group of the new reports.

H. We modified several year end closing reports. We added the dollar amounts and work item descriptions and then changed all to print in landscape. This will provide consistency among the Pre-closing reports and ease as the user reviews and analyses all in preparation for year end closing.

I. As requested by CERM-P, we identified all BRAC appropriations as capital appropriations in the CEFMS cost correlation table and spreadsheets identifying costs that may have been misclassified as CIP or expense in these appropriations were disseminated to all activities. We also provided instructions to all activities for correcting work items and classifying the costs correctly.

J. We have opened the new Create Travel Orders form to all USACE Activities   We made improvements to the form to include not checking "Paid by traveler" when traveling by government vehicle and allowing the authenticator to modify an order before authenticating it.   We discovered that the properties of the checkboxes on the new Travel Order form were not set to handle the NULL values on travel orders created using the previous form. This caused certain travel orders not to query into screen when amendments to the orders were required. Code has been corrected so the NULL values will be handled properly and the older data can be amended.

K. Several USACE activities encountered travel orders where the cost type was not generated which prevented the commitment of funds. Without the cost type, PRACs cannot be created. We discovered the problem occurred when a user altered the existing funding records; the cost type was not fully regenerated. Code has been modified to correct this situation. Work_cat, work_cat_elem and cost_type fields are reset when changing the funding work item on a travel order with the latest version of code and the delete record option on the funding page has been corrected.

L. We modified Travel Voucher Create/Update so that when a user attempts to create a FINAL voucher for a TDY or Invitational Order, he will be notified if an uncertified or certified but not disbursed advance exists. He may continue with voucher creation by acknowledging that said advance will be 'disapproved' (since it will never be able to disburse) or he may discontinue voucher creation until advance is disbursed or advance is disapproved by the site or UFC. We modified Travel Advance Create/Update so that an advance cannot be created for a TDY or Invitational order that has a FINAL voucher. Also changed Travel Settlement and PCS Settlement Create/Update screens so that Unbilled Recoup Amt will reflect the unrecouped amount of an advance and a pending recoupment due to undisbursed settlement

M. We created a new procedure (authentication_email) to send email to the traveler when an order is disapproved or approved during authentication. We also added code requiring remarks to be entered when disapproving an order. This procedure was requested so travelers would be notified of travel order status as soon as possible where the authentication process is being performed by

USACE Logistics Activity (ULA) in Millington instead at the local USACE activity's office.

N. We have had several phone conferences with DFAS, IATS Office regarding a possible change to IATS in next release that will aid UFC in Post-Audit Manual voucher processing. DFAS is modifying IATS code to accommodate the Manual Post-Audit vouchers processed by USACE Finance Center. In the past IATS did not consider these payments. If a Supplemental was filed requesting additional reimbursement all against the same voucher the settlement amount would be incorrect because the previous payment in IATS did not include the manual settlements processed in CEFMS. We continue to provide test cases to DFAS office as they continue work on this improvement for USACE.

O. We prepared and sent out a script to load the MIPR organizational address on all supported sites for the new ACE-IT organization forming at ERDC. This address will be used by all sites when sending their reimbursable orders to the ACE-IT group, and will allow the budget personnel to easily distinguish reimbursable orders for ERDC from those sent to ACE-IT.

P. We held our Year End meeting to discuss the year end testing schedule, lessons learned from closing fiscal year 2006, outstanding year end related problem reports to be worked prior to 30 September 2007, and any changes made during this fiscal year that will effect the year end processes. Key personnel to work the year end testing have been identified, and work has started to obtain copies of databases to be used for year end testing.

Q. We extracted then provided our universe of Open Accounts Payables as of 30 June 2007 to PriceWaterHouse auditors. Prior to releasing files, we reviewed and balanced open records to the payables general ledgers to ensure no imbalances or discrepancies existed. Files were placed on the public website and the information provided to the auditors by the end of the first week of July.

R. We researched and resolved general ledger imbalances within the accounts payable universe. The imbalances were caused by transactions entering into the system as a payable without a funding account, but disbursing out of the general ledger with a fund account. Scripts were written to adjust the balances within the general ledger accounts and clear out the transactions that had no fund account.

S. We added a feature to Travel Order Auto-Deobligation screen called 'Pre-Deob Listing.'   This option allows users to Print or View the 'Travel Orders Awaiting Auto Deob' report BEFORE running the Travel Order Auto-Deobligation process. If user elected to process Travel Order Auto-Deobligation the obligations on this report would be de-obligated.

T. We completed the initial programming of the PM Project Close-out Report as requested by CEMP-IR to assist in identifying all completed MILCON projects. We are awaiting the MILCON Close-Out Team's review before releasing the report to all activities.

U. We assisted activities with completing problem reports without any further actions to update the system. The problem reports were closed after contact with the activities was made to discuss the steps necessary to resolve the issues.

V. We added edits into the progress payment create update screen for foreign currency type contracts. The form will warn the user if the other deductions amount entered for a foreign currency contract line is greater than the line item gross amount. Another edit was added on the retainage field for foreign currency lines to warn the user if the retained percentage cannot be calculated.

W. We have begun year end testing and process updating for the fiscal year 2007. Year end testing documentation is being updated in a working document throughout the process. Processing completion and general ledger reports have been added to the document for reference of the most important reports to check for imbalances and processing totals.

X. We are once again experiencing slow response times when making the Electronic Funds Transfer Files at the UFC. We have been monitoring the files for several weeks. During that period there has been about a 50% increase in the time to make the files. We have opened a problem ticket with the Central Processing Center. They are monitored the network traffic between the UFC and CPC but they are not seeing any problems.

Y. We have asked for direction from Treasury FMS on vendors that have a single payment from us and have multiple tax levies from the Internal Revenue Service. Our previous Instructions stated we were to access 15% of the payment amount. We are questioning how to handle the situation when a vendor has multiple debts, all of which go to the IRS. The situation could also be where a vendor has multiple debts, some of which are non-tax debts.

Z. We notified the UFC Accounts Payable Division that the CEFMS Screen for Prompt Pay Interest Rates had an incorrect rate loaded for the period 01 Jul 2007 to 31 Dec 2007. The master table has been updated and it has been moved to all of the productions data bases.

AA. We corrected an error where the personnel interface data was not being committed if the user chose the "View Employee Records After Interface" option prior to choosing the option to accept the interface.

BB. We changed an error message in employee_mstr to be more self-explanatory for non-existent locality rates.

CC. We changed the form that was allowing a pay band field to have data with one numeric, rather than two.

DD. We built a new element of resource code for pay plan 'WG' with a civilian type code of '125'. We assisted the same activity in correcting several pay periods of labor that was rejecting due to a combination of pay plans and civil type codes in their employee history record.

EE. We added the employee identification number to the View Employee Info Screen. If not all numeric, only the first five characters will be displayed, since there are no restrictive roles on this view screen. Users will only be able to query on employee name.

FF. We added an edit for valid pay period ending dates in the Pay Period Control Screen, after an activity was able to load invalid future dates.

GG. Functionality added earlier in support of PKI was changed so that the query of the new global employee_id_control table only checks for existing social security numbers (SSNs). The check for similar employee name combinations was removed, as it was causing too much confusion and potential for error.

HH. We created 12 more scripts correcting duplicate employee identification numbers at various activities. These were related to the PKI changes.

II. We monitored the cost share automated withdrawal program. For June 2007, the program withdrew $51.5 million from sponsor advance accounts and $4.6 million from sponsor Work-In-Kind (WIK) accounts for 1008 sponsors for 38 USACE activities. The Cost Share Automated Withdrawal Report provides this information by USACE activity.

JJ. We provided Resource Managers, Finance Officers and the HQ's Policy Office a Cost Share Close Out Status Report identifying 100 cost share projects were closed during June and 750 completed cost share projects which need to be closed. We requested continued management support for this effort to insure the 750 completed cost share projects are closed by 30 September to insure our yearend financial statements correctly report cost share revenue.

KK. We completed the AIPMS configuration to set up the secure file transfer between CEFMS and the AIPMS server. We sent test files with no problems encountered. This is in reference to the

AIPMS/CEFMS data feed related to the Chemical Stockpile Disposal program.

LL. We have modified the General Ledger Correlation – Year End Closing (glcorye) report extensively. We have had to add, delete or modify general ledger closings due to FY07 updates.

MM. We created a new report which will allow users to see difference in income generated by regional overhead rates (G&A and departmental) versus income which would have been generated under local overhead rate.

IV. PROBLEM REPORTS/IMBALANCES:

A. Open problem report inventory:

	This Report	Last Report
Total Problems	700	687
Priority #1 Problems	104	95

We received 166 new problem reports and completed 153 problem reports.

B. Database Imbalances on our 59 Production Activities:

# of Imbalances	This Report	Last Report
None	58	58
One	1	0
Three	0	1